

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. This paper amends objected to claims 14 and 15. The Office Action indicated that claims 1-32 contain allowable subject matter. Remarks are provided below with reference to like titled sections in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicated that certain references were not initialed on the Form PTO-1449 as each item was not identified properly (references C1-C9 not being initialed). A Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith in which additional identification information is provided on the PTO-1449 form for references C1-C9. Although these references were previously submitted in the pending case, the Applicant has provided copies of the references as originally submitted for the convenience of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Form PTO-1449 is in condition for initialing and such initials are requested.

It is also noted that an additional Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also filed concurrently herewith. This IDS includes one reference (A32) that has been cited more than three months ago by Applicant in related applications and two references (A31 and C11) cited by Examiner Hannaher in related application 10/668,642 less than three months. As such a fee for the Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure statement is concurrently filed.

Oath/Declaration

A replacement declaration is submitted herewith including a printed address rather than handsigned address. Applicant respectfully requests that this declaration be entered.

Drawings

A Request for Corrected Drawings and a Submission of Replacement Drawings is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that these drawings be entered.

Amendment to the Specification

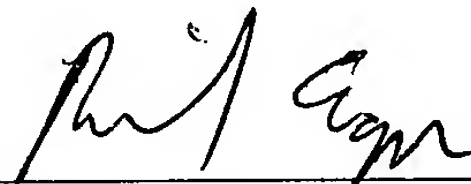
Applicant has amended the Specification to correct typographical errors as identified in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that these amendments be entered.

Claim Objections

Claims 14 and 15 have been subject to an objection related to an antecedent basis. These claims have been amended accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests that these claim amendments be entered.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF DRAWINGS

Please correct FIGS. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 30 of the application drawings as indicated in red ink on the enclosed photocopy.

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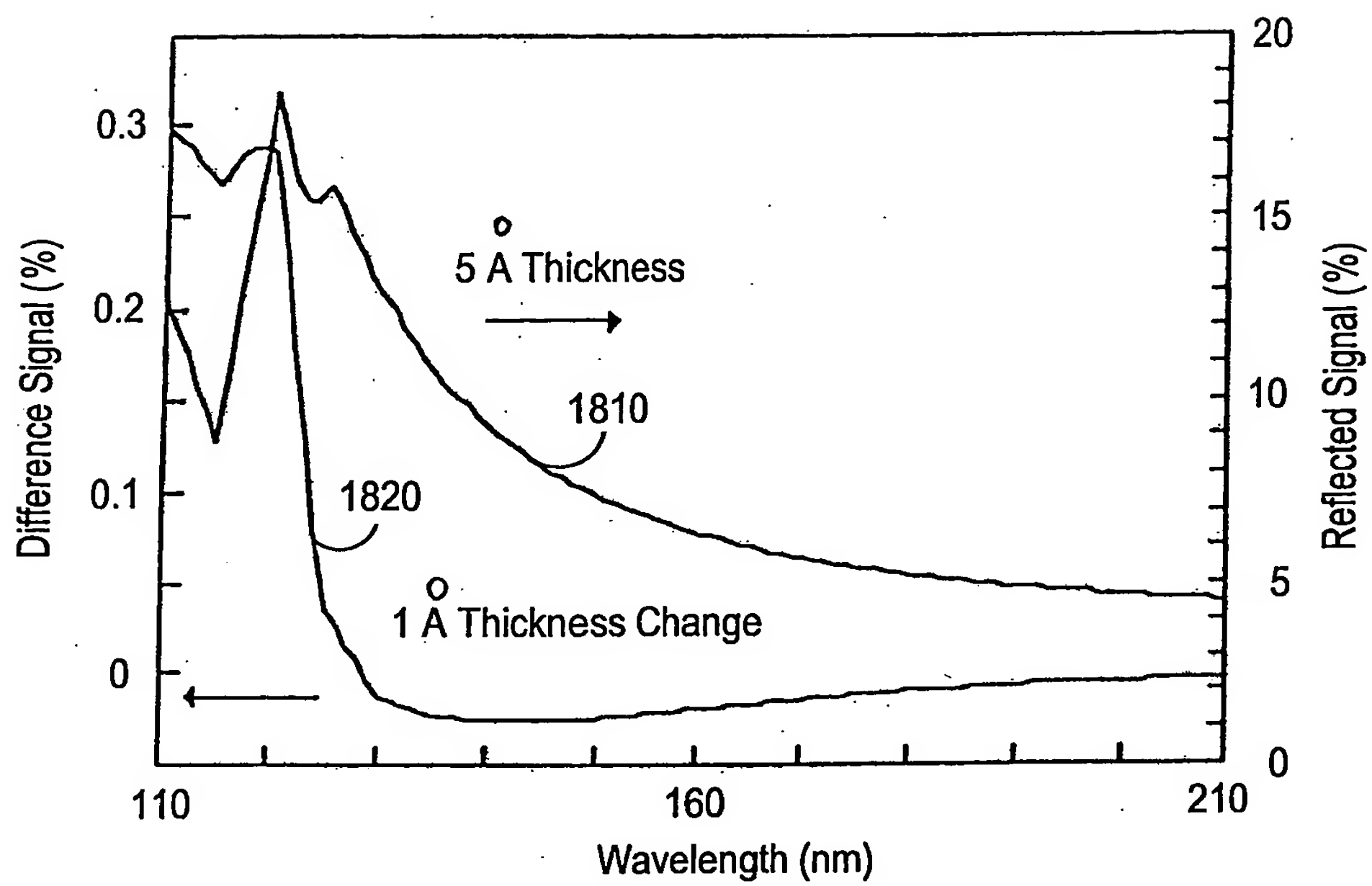


FIG. 18

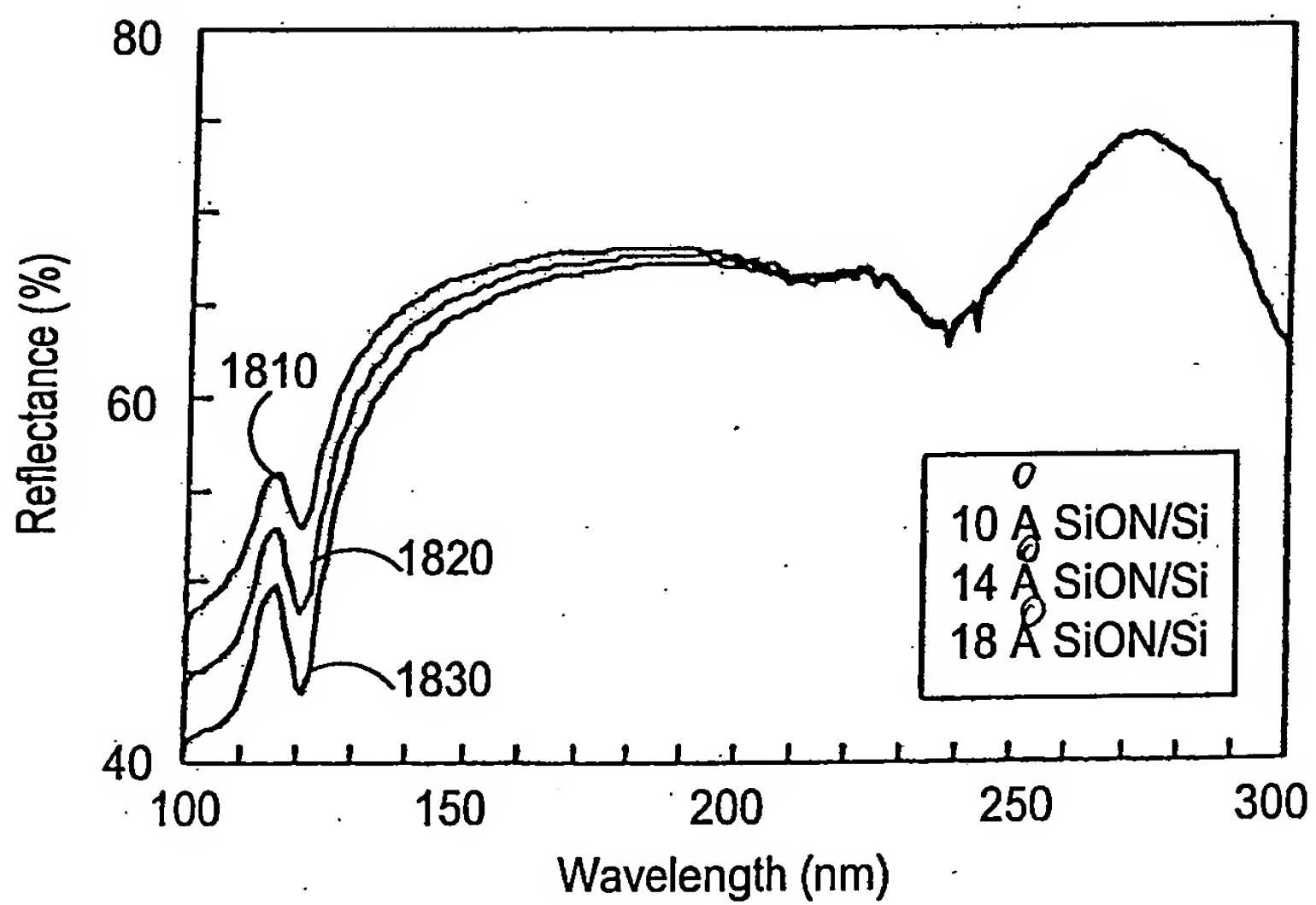


FIG. 19

13% N Layer Nitrided Oxide

Thickness Matrix (10-18 Å)

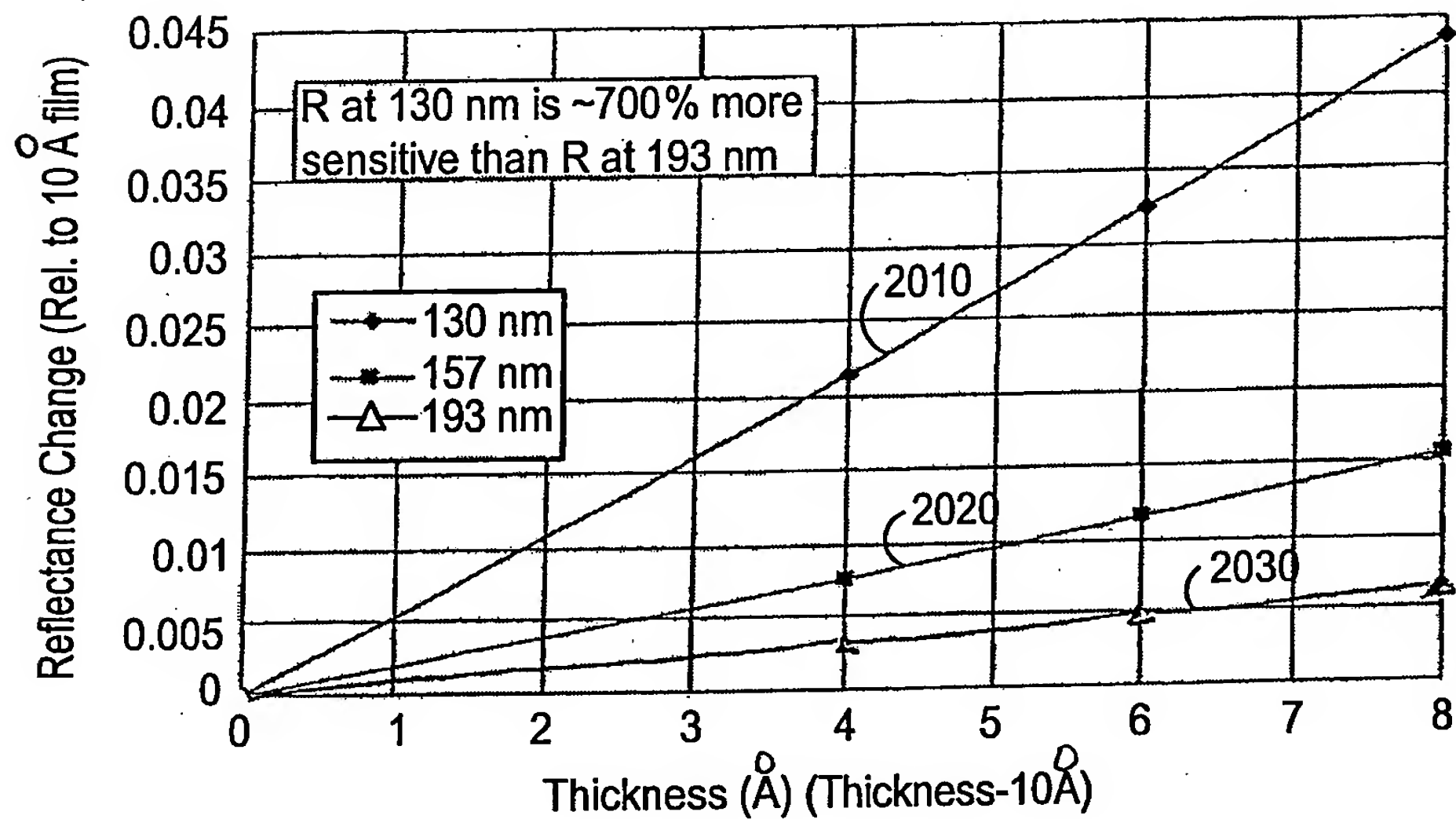


FIG. 20

16 Å Layer of Nitrided Oxide

Nitrogen Matrix (10-15%)

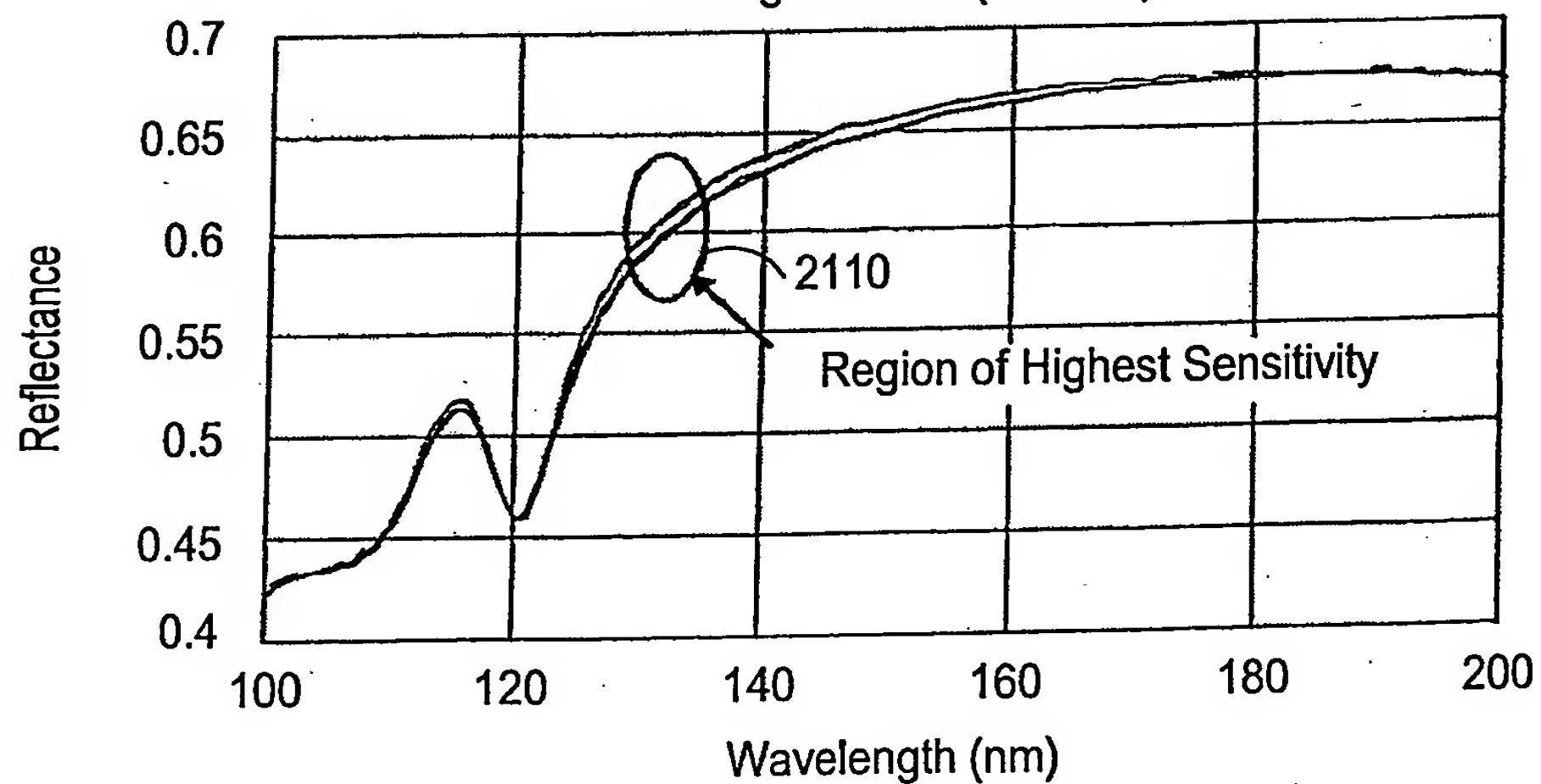


FIG. 21

16 Å Layer Nitrided Oxide
Nitrogen Matrix (10-15%)

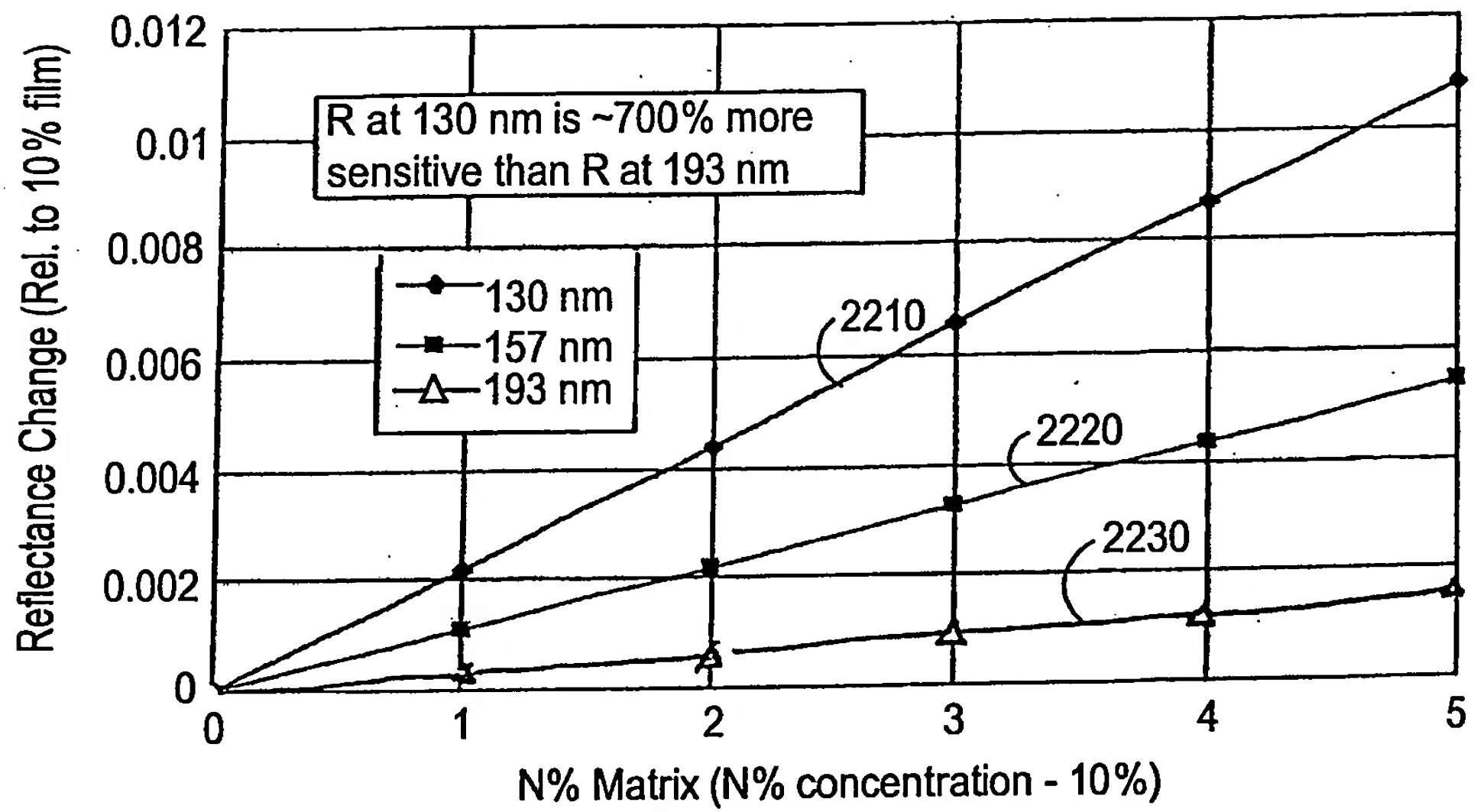


FIG. 22

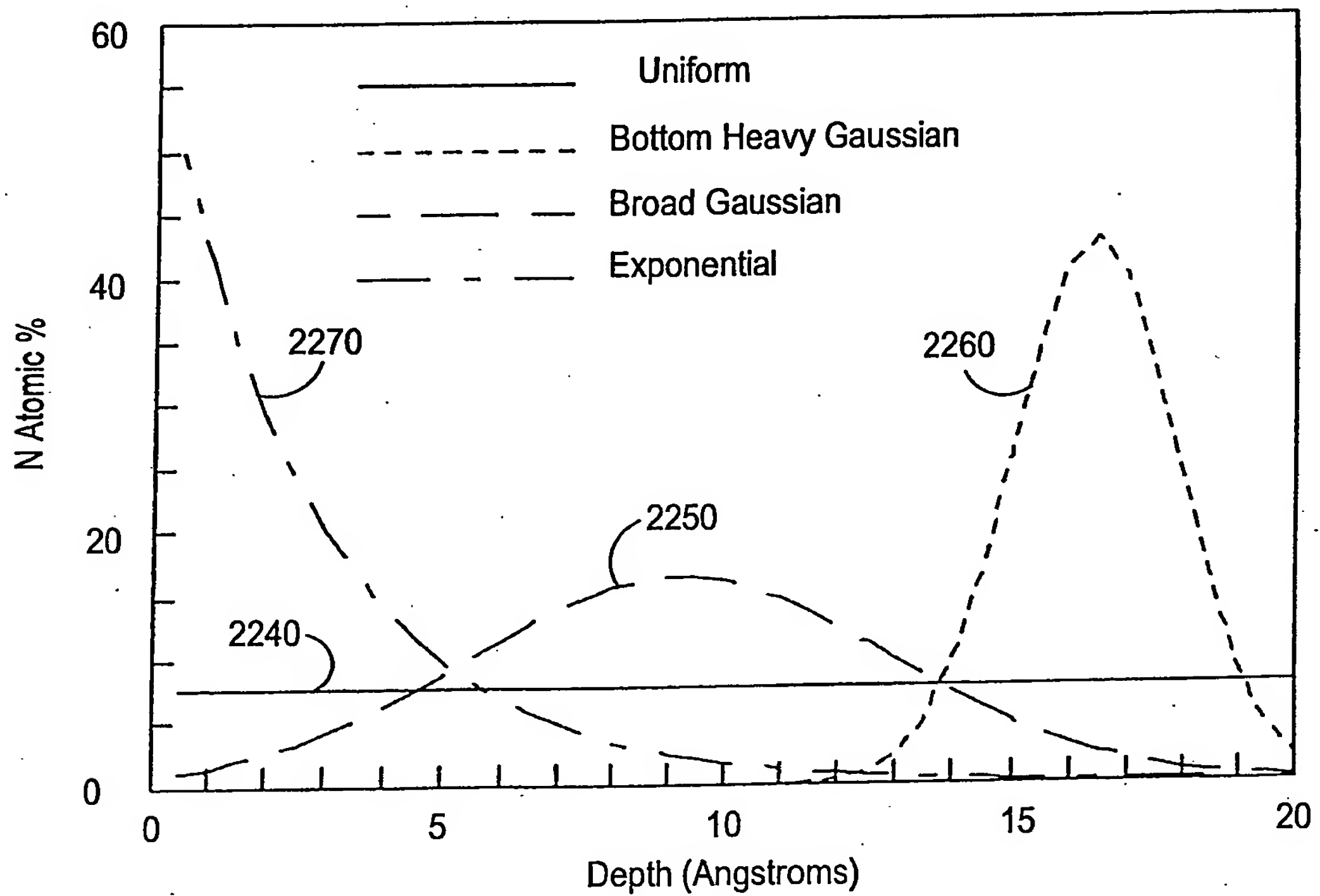


FIG. 22A

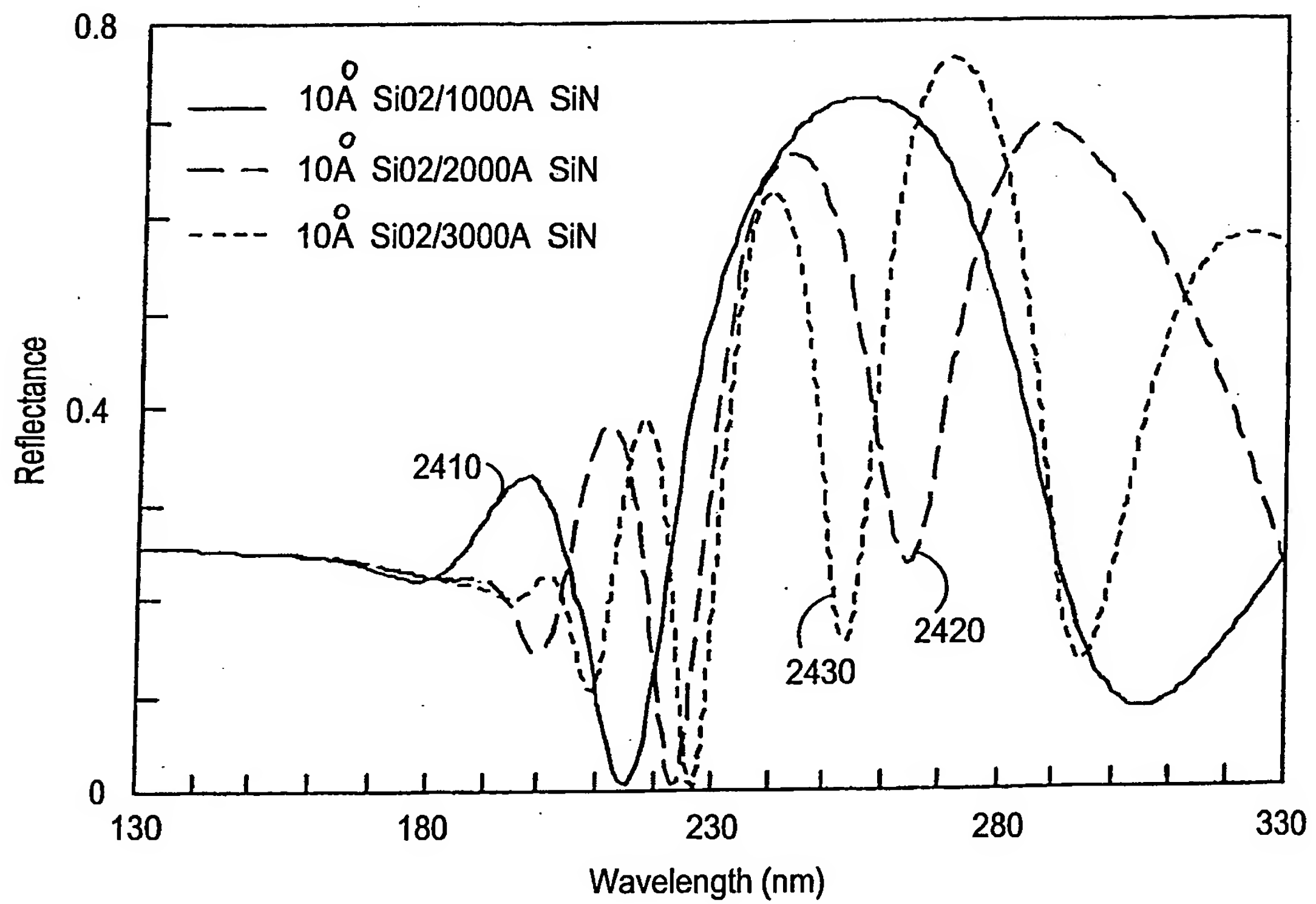


Fig. 24

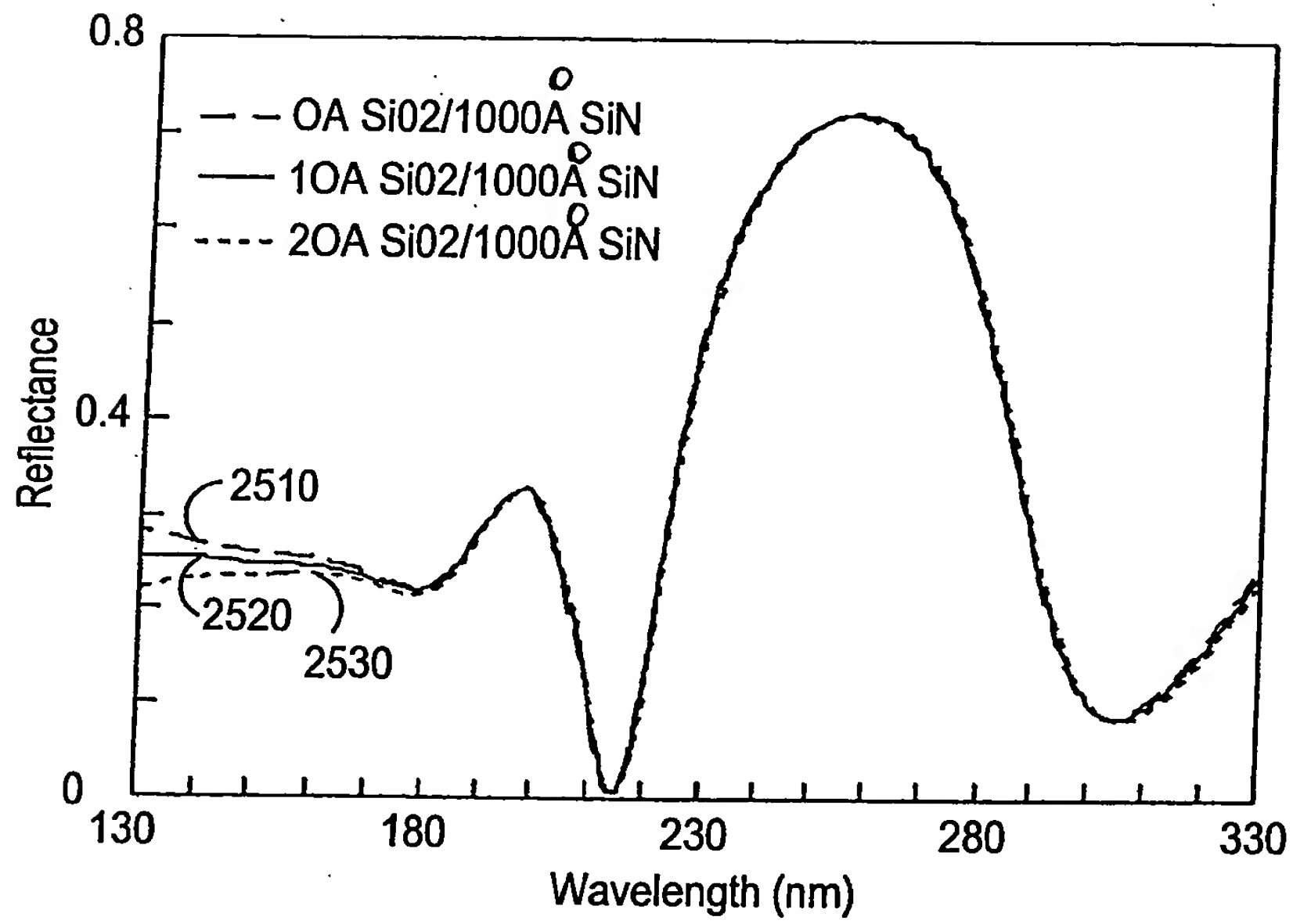


FIG. 25

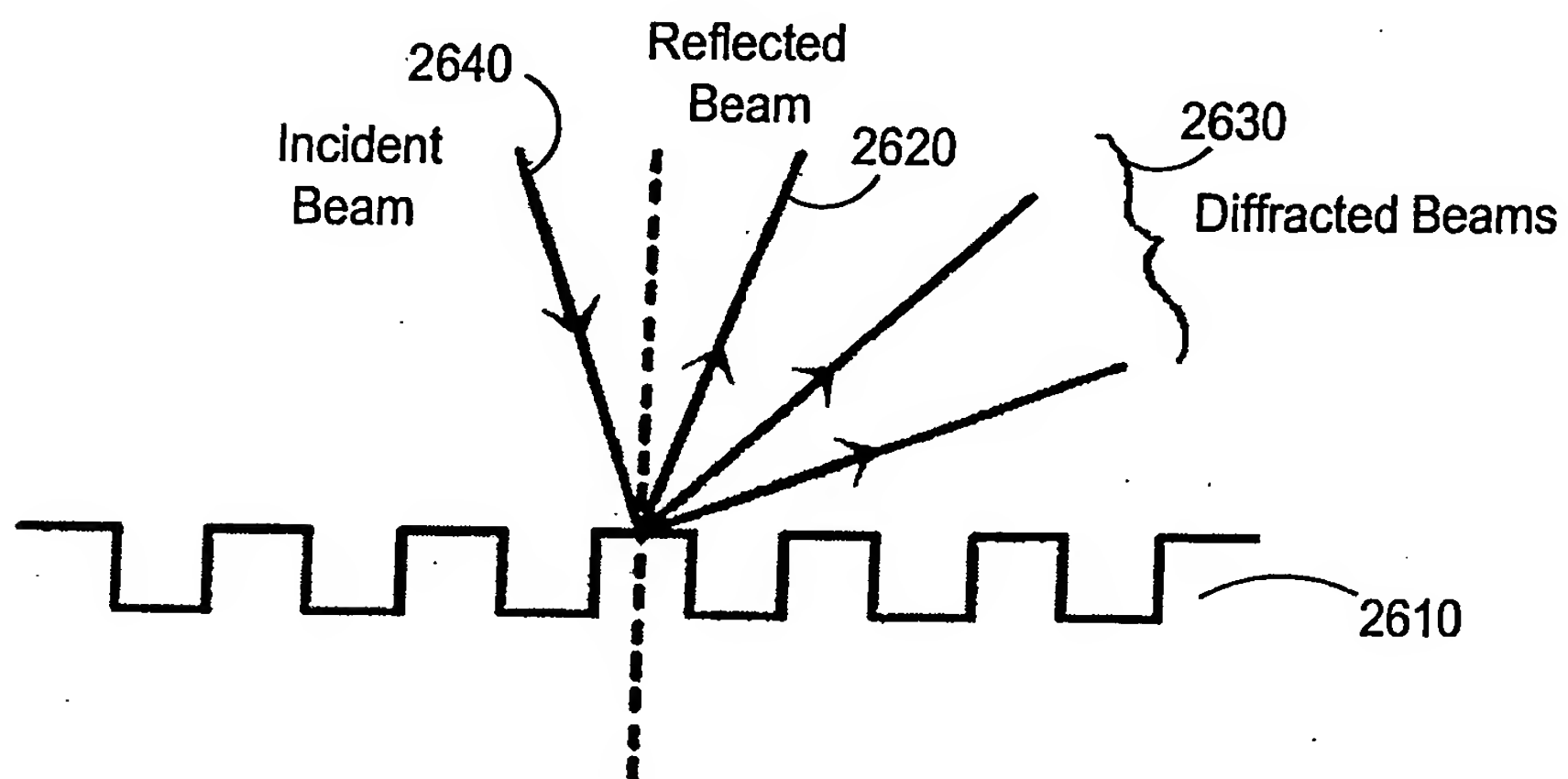


FIG. 26

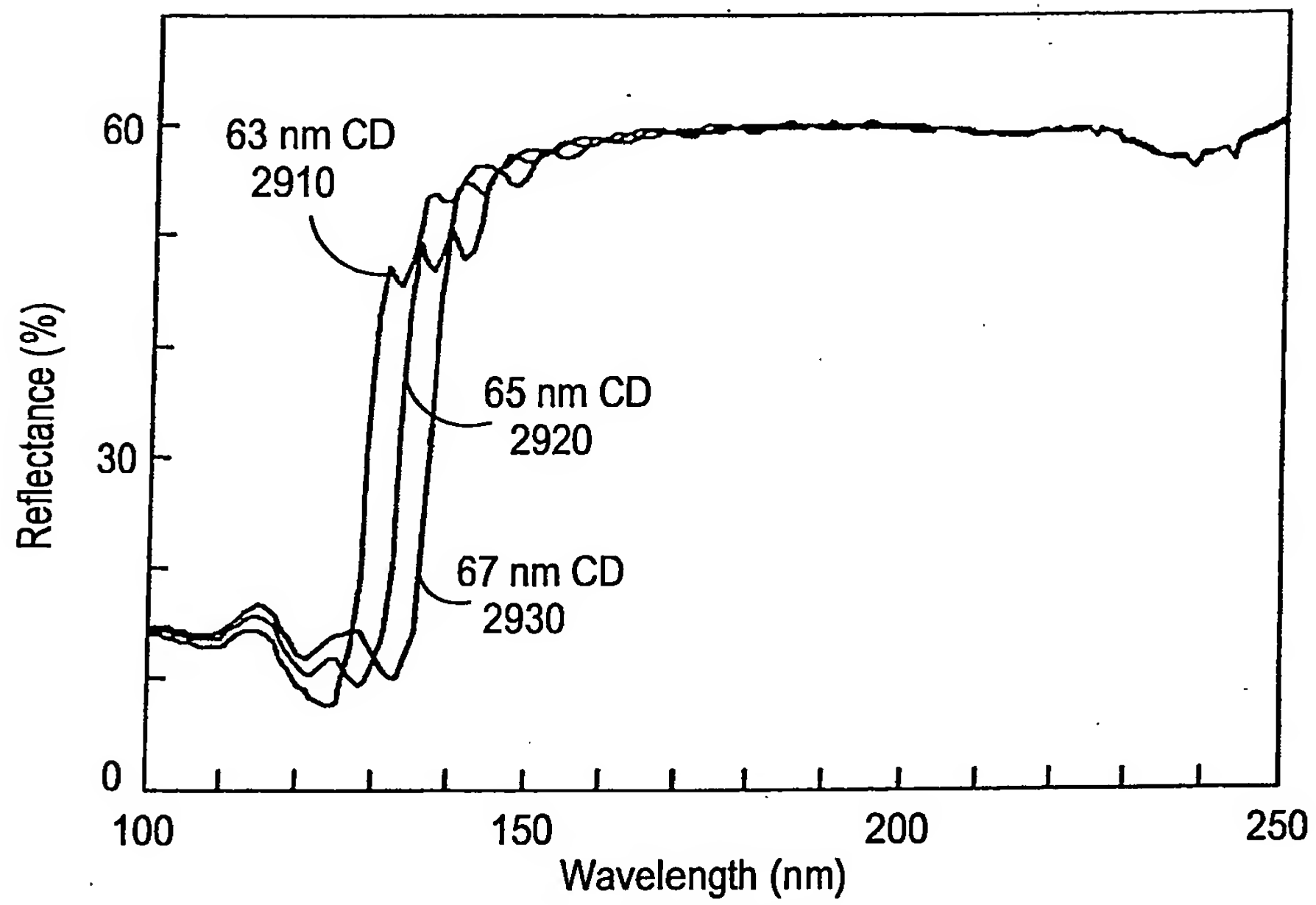


FIG. 29

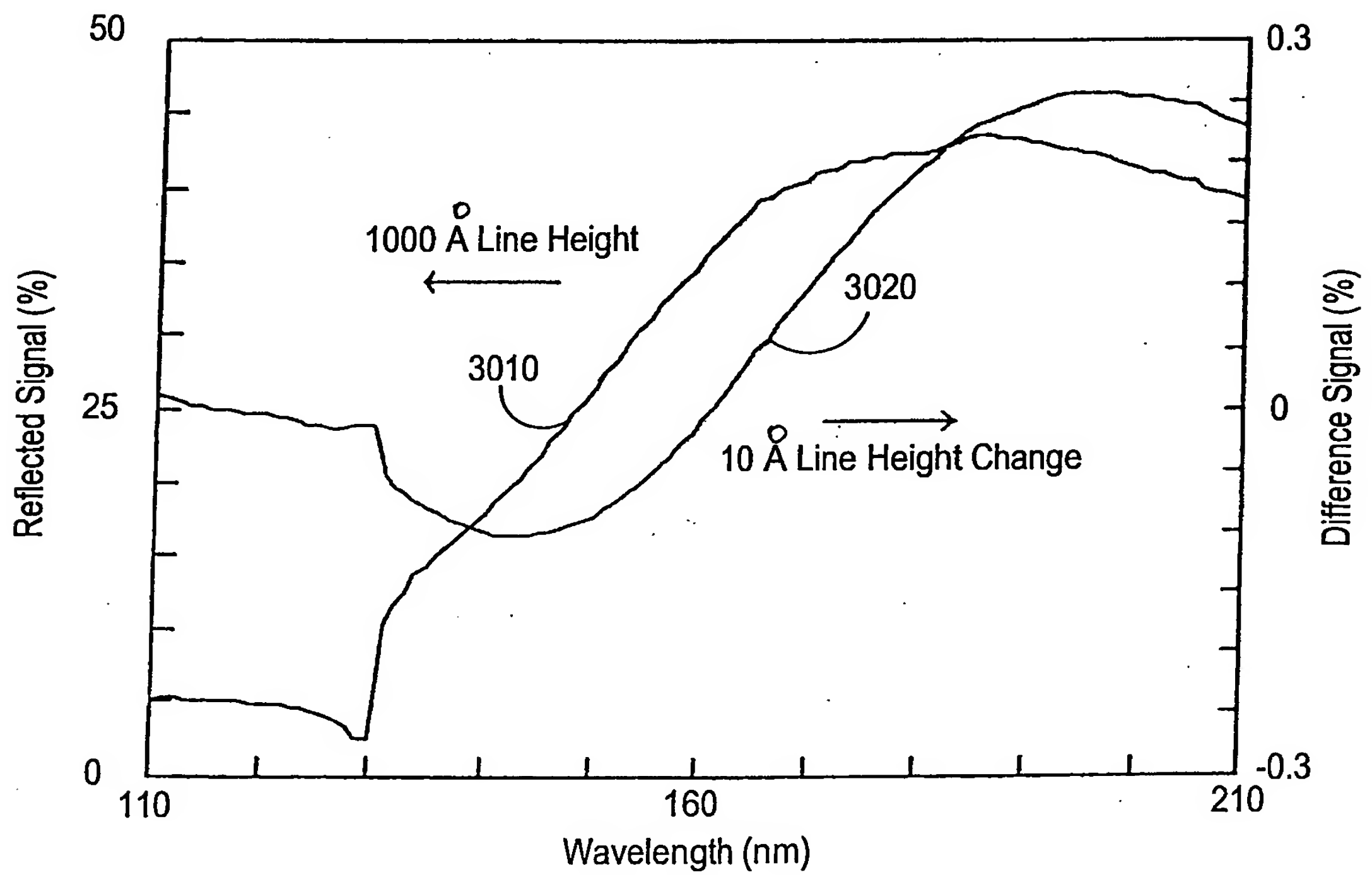


FIG. 30